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Applications from members of Scheduled Castes and Tribes for jobs.

* 485 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether any instructions or orders have been issued to the Heads of Departments, or to appointing authorities or to the Service Commission to deal with the applications submitted by the members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes so as to carry out Article 335 of the Constitution of India?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government have issued orders reserving three appointments out of a unit of 20 in favour of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution in that regard. These orders have also been incorporated in the Service Rules. The Service Commission and other selecting authorities of course observe them in making appointments to services and posts to which they apply."

10-30 a.m. SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know from the Hon. the Chief Minister whether any special arrangement is made to see that the instructions issued by the Government are strictly adhered to by the Heads of Departments as regards this matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" They are adhered to, as I said, already. I do not think the Public Service Commission are not adhering to any of these rules."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have examined whether the Public Service Commission are following the rules issued by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no question of the Public Service Commission not following the rules, Sir. The Public Service Commission are following the rules and other selecting authorities are also following them to the best of their ability, that is to say, according to the availability of the candidates."

Headquarters of the Assistant Directors of Public Health.

* 486 *Q.*—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of all the headquarters of the Assistant Directors of Public Health; and

(*b*) whether all their headquarters are situated within their respective jurisdictions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Madras is the headquarters of all Assistant Directors of Public Health.

" (*b*) All Assistant Directors of Public Health have jurisdiction throughout the State."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question hour is now over. The rest of the questions and answers will be printed in the proceedings for the day."

Tobacco Marketing Committee for Coimbatore district.

* 490 Q.—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a separate committee nominated in Coimbatore district for marketing tobacco;

(b) if not, why the Government have not nominated one; and

(c) whether the Marketing Committee is levying licence fees for small and big merchants alike?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) It is not usual to appoint a separate Market Committee for each commercial crop. The Coimbatore Market Committee, which was already dealing with cotton and groundnut, is now dealing with tobacco also.

" (c) The maximum fees that can be levied on tobacco by a Market Committee have been fixed by the Government in the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Rules. Subject to the ceilings fixed, it is open to any Market Committee to fix the licence fees, as it likes. The Coimbatore Market Committee has fixed the licence fees far lower than the ceilings. Petty merchants dealing in quantities of 10 seers leaf without stalk or 15 seers leaf with stalk a day are exempted from taking out licences. Thus, it will not be correct to say that the Coimbatore Market Committee is levying licence fees for small and big merchants alike."

Sanction for an electric lift in the King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 491 Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have cancelled the sanction for an electric lift in the King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) The answer is in the negative."

Thermal stations in Coimbatore.

* 492 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in Coimbatore the industrialists as well as the labour organizations have represented to the Government to construct Thermal stations to meet the shortage of Electricity ; and